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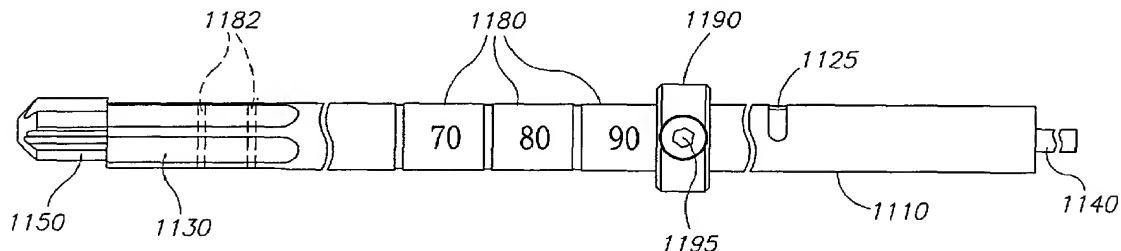
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(57) Abstract: A device for forming expansion regions in a bone, comprising, an elongate body having an axis and adapted to fit through a tunnel in a bone; and a head, provided on said body and having outer dimensions not substantially extending trans-axially to said body, wherein said head is rotatable and wherein said head is adapted to widen said tunnel in said bone by at least 10% in conjunction with said rotating.



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